



Call for applicants

The U.S. Embassy is pleased to announce that it will once again receive applications to take part in the international competition to participate in the International Writing Program (IWP).

THE INTERNATIONAL WRITING PROGRAM (<http://iwp.uiowa.edu>) is a three - month writing residency that brings to the University of Iowa outstanding authors from every continent. Each fall, 25-35 writers from all over the world gather in Iowa City to work on their own projects, to give readings and lectures, to travel in the US, and to interact with American audiences and the literary community. The principal design of the IWP is three-fold: to introduce talented individuals to American life; to enable these individuals to take part in American university life; and to provide writers with time, in a setting congenial to their efforts, for the production of literary work. It is the oldest and largest multinational writing residency in the world, with a tradition of literary excellence that has continued for more than four decades. Amongst the program's alumni are renowned writers such as Jose Donoso, Luisa Valenzuela, Anton Shammas and John Banville.

The program gives writers opportunities to confer with professional translators, publishers, and colleagues; to give talks or readings at other institutions; and to conduct work-related research in cities with major literary markets. The residency activities include upper level university courses, weekly public discussion panels, translation workshops, readings and performances, playwrights reading in collaboration with the University's performing arts division, film discussions, cultural activities, field trips and community interaction. Successful applicants will receive tuition, airfare, accommodation and meals.

Criteria for Selection

- The candidate should be primarily a writer of fiction, poetry, drama, or screenplays.
- The candidate should not be a resident of the United States, currently in residence in the US, or an American citizen.
- The candidate should have at least one published volume, or works that have appeared in significant publications over a period of at least two years.
- The candidate must be proficient in English and comfortable with cross-cultural dynamics.
- There is no age limit
- Deadline for application March 23 2012
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